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From: Wainberg, Daniel
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Wintrob, Paul; Gutro, Doug; Norcross, Jeffrey
Cc: Lombardo, Ginny; Tisa, Kimberly; Barmakian, Nancy
Subject: FW: PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield, CT | requests for a follow-up call with congressionals

Hello Paul, Doug, and Jeff,

Kim will be attending a meeting on Fairfield next week on 2/27. The meeting was requested by the town attorney and appears to include the town attorney and consultants (subject to change of course). Along with DEEP PCB tech staff it looks like Yvonne Bolton will be there as well. DEEP is primarily in the driver seat on this and Kim is there to support. The attorney indicated that the objective of the requested meeting is primarily discussion of PCB related issues and will also generally discuss the resolution of the Solid Waste Notice of Violation (i.e., resubmitting an application for closure approval).

Let us know if you want anything further at this time, otherwise we will let you know if any urgent developments come out of the meeting.

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Subject: Fwd: PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield, CT | requests for a follow-up call with congressionals

Best Regards,

Paul
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wintrob, Paul" <Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov>
Date: January 29, 2020 at 5:09:00 PM EST
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Subject: PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield, CT | requests for a follow-up call with congressionals

Hi Nancy, Ginny, Kim, Douglas, Jeff,

As Ginny and Kim know, on late Friday afternoon (Jan 24) we got a call from Rep. Himes's office regarding PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield (attached is the related EPA letter to the town). Kim (who was off on Friday, but still answered her phone) updated Ginny on the status of the property and then Ginny and I had a good call with Vernita and Sean from Rep. Himes's Office.

Fast forward to today - this afternoon I got an email from Rich Kehoe from Senator Blumenthal's Office. Apparently the town has also contacted both Senators – and they are requesting a follow-up call with staff from all three of their offices (Blumenthal, Murphy, Himes).

Rich's note mentions "an ongoing criminal investigation into various aspects of this operation by the Connecticut chief state's attorney's office." Which may or may not change who we might want to have on this call. Please advise.

Best, Paul
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From: Wintrob, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:43 PM
To: 'Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal)' <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>; Tickey, Jimmy <Jimmy.Tickey@mail.house.gov>; Curran, Kenny (Murphy) <Kenny_Curran@murphy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairfield

Hi Rich,

Sure, I'll connect with staff and get back to you. As you probably know, we had a call on Friday afternoon with staff from Rep. Himes's office (Vernita Tertullien and Sean Higgins) regarding this issue.

I'll send a note along right now and let you know as soon as I hear back.

Best Regards,

Paul
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From: Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov>
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Subject: Fairfield

Paul, hope you are well. The town of Fairfield approached Sens. Blumenthal and Murphy and Congressman Himes alerting us to a PCB pollution issue involving town owned property known as the Reclamation Yard. The town had previously cleaned up PCB contamination in 2017 and had been working with Connecticut DEEP on addressing an additional source of PCB pollution ostensibly arising from debris that a town contractor allowed to be disposed of on the site. DEEP had noted the town's testing company had found PCB levels in the 8.6 to 9.6 ppm range. DEEP had conducted additional testing on their own and issued a notice of violation. Subsequent to that order, EPA issued their NOV on January 17, 2020 citing PCB levels of up to 230 ppm. We are also aware that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into various aspects of this operation by the Connecticut chief state's attorney's office.

The town recognizes their responsibility to clean up the pollution and is in the process of contracting with an LEP and is meeting with DEEP tomorrow to coordinate the scope of the clean up.

Given the complicated nature of this situation and the town's efforts to address the pollution, we would like to have a conference call with EPA to get your perspective on what is going on in Fairfield and the goals of the EPA in obtaining corrective action. Could you arrange such a call? Thanks.

Rich

Rich Kehoe

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